

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/678,298  
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Applicant: Daisaku Shimazaki, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2416  
Examiner: Dady Chery  
Title: Layered Network Node, Network Incorporating the Same,  
Node, and Layered Network  
Attorney Docket: 5259-000032

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 32 of this paper.